

Provisional Vital Statistics for January 2006

Live births increased in January as 6,835 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,425 one year earlier. The provisional 2005 live birth count of 78,500 is the state's highest since 1990.

Deaths decreased in January as 5,142 Missourians died compared with 5,433 in January 2005. Cumulative deaths for the 12 months ending with January also decreased.

The **Natural increase** in January was 1,693 (6,835 births minus 5,142 deaths). For the cumulative 12-month periods ending with January the natural increase rose for each of the past three years.

Marriages increased in January, but the provisional 2005 marriage rate of 7.0 per 1,000 population was the lowest ever recorded.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in January and for the 12 months ending with January. The provisional 2005 divorce rate of 3.6 per 1,000 population was the lowest recorded since 1968.

Infant deaths increased in January as 63 Missouri infants died compared with 53 one year earlier. The provisional 2005 infant death rate of 7.5 per 1,000 population was the same as the 2004 final rate.

PROVISIONAL RESIDENT VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

<u>Item</u>	<u>January</u>				<u>12 months ending with January</u>								<u>Provisional</u>	
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>				<u>Rate*</u>				<u>2005</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
Live Births	6,425	6,835	12.6	13.0	74,706	79,717	77,047	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.3	78,500	13.5	
Deaths	5,433	5,142	10.7	9.8	52,996	56,229	52,600	10.1	9.3	9.8	9.1	54,250	9.4	
Natural increase	992	1,693	1.9	3.2	21,710	23,488	24,447	3.5	3.8	7.1	4.2	24,250	4.2	
Marriages	1,752	2,081	3.4	4.0	41,289	40,815	40,895	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.0	40,700	7.0	
Dissolutions	1,556	1,307	3.1	2.5	22,059	21,641	20,757	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.6	21,100	3.6	
Infant deaths	53	63	8.2	9.2	587	604	592	8.8	7.9	7.6	7.7	590	7.5	
Population base (in thousands)	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	...	5,683	5,722	5,763	5,803	...	5,800

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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